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**AMERICORPS, CHILDREN TOGETHER TO SPONSOR FIRST ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE**

**KING, N.C.**—The North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service's AmeriCorps program AmeriCorps and Children Together (ACT) is sponsoring its first annual blood drive during National Volunteer Week, April 28 – May 2, 2003. The blood drive will take place on Thursday (May 1) from 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Building in King.

"This is a great opportunity for the people of North Carolina to give back to their community and their country during this week of volunteerism," said Gov. Mike Easley. "Every two seconds someone needs blood in the United States and I am proud North Carolina's AmeriCorps members are doing their part to help those in need."

ACT is working with the Northwest North Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross to host the blood drive. You must be at least 17 years of age to donate blood and weigh at least 110 lbs. Donors should feel healthy and well on the day of the donation. Walk-ins will be accepted the day of the blood drive, but registering and reserving a time slot prior to the event is suggested. A pint of donated blood may benefit 3 or more people.

If you are interested in donating blood or finding out more information about this event, please contact Erin Kahle at 1-800-559-5606 ext. 149 or [ekahle@earthlink.net](mailto:ekahle@earthlink.net).

***Directions from Greensboro:***

*Take Business I-40 towards Winston-Salem. Merge onto HWY 52 North towards Mount Airy. Keep on HWY 52 North to exit 123 (King, Tobaccoville exit). Take a right off the exit, onto Main Street. Keep straight on Main Street and the American Legion Building will be on the left.*

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